



# Domaine de Villeneuve

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Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Domaine de Villeneuve is a small estate (8.4 hectares) situated in the northern sector of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The estates vineyards border Château Beaucastel on one side, and Mont-Redon on the other. 90% of the vines are between 30 and 100+ years of age, with 75% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 8% Syrah, and 7% of other allowed varieties.

The estate was purchased by the du Roy de Blicquy and Wallut families in 1993. Since then they have completely refurbished the estate. A modern winery was built under-ground over three levels to allow all operations to be carried out by gravity feed to eliminate the use of pumps. Ageing of the Grenache takes place in large enamel lined cement tanks and the Syrah and Mourvedre components are aged in large casks.



Using bio-dynamic practices the old vines were nursed back to health and only a small percentage of the vineyard was re-planted, mostly to Syrah and Mourvedre. Yields are kept at a very low 24 to 28 hectoliters per hectare, and the percentage of wine matured in barrels never exceeds 20% of the total. These are stylish wines of intensity, depth and grace that possess natural balance and moderate alcohol levels with no undue heaviness or extract.

## 2006 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes reveals a dark ruby color and notes of kirsch liqueur, roasted peanuts, and almost truffle-like, earthy notes. There are some herbs in the background, but the tannins are silky and the wine is medium to full-bodied. This is a crowd-pleasing, Provencal-styled wine to drink over the next decade.*

*I always find myself admiring these wines even more after they have had a few years in bottle than my initial reviews might suggest. The wines, which are aged 80% in tank and 20% in old barrels, tend to come from a mixture of soils in Chateauneuf du Pape, including red clay and, of course, the rocky plateau as well as some of the sandier portions. It is all old-vine material, some of it even from ancient vines close to 100 years of age, and the blend is 70% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre, and the rest Syrah, Cinsault, and Clairette (the latter being a white wine grape but only representing 2% of the final blend).” 88pts*

**Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate**

## 2007 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“This estate did not offer their 2008 for tasting, but they have hit the bull’s eye with their brilliant 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape. Aged 80% in tank and 20% in old barrels, this blend of 70% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre, and the rest Syrah, Cinsault, and the white grape Clairette is made from vines that average 65 years of age (some are over 100 years). This dense ruby/purple-hued offering smells like the essence of raspberry jam intermixed with boysenberries and blueberries. Exceptionally pure, with a layered mouthfeel and sweet tannin, this is undeniably the finest wine made by Proprietor Stanislas Wallut since he purchased Domaine de Villeneuve in 1992.”* **Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate**

